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1. About 90 percent of the town of Pisz (Johannisburg) burned down in 1945. Its population is only about 7,000 and except for a military hospital (formerly a municipal hospital) there are no other military objects or installations in town.
2. In autumn 1953 there was a rumor in town that a cooperative shop had been robbed by partisans somewhere in the vicinity and shortly thereafter a military unit consisting of some 50 soldiers arrived. Since that time, it occupies a small building close to the Pisz River, located on a small street not far from the market square. The unit has many trained dogs and according to rumor was sent there in connection with the above-mentioned incident.
3. The former German military airfield at Rostki (Rostken-R54/A55), located about 15 km. northeast of Pisz, has been reconstructed and is now being used by the Polish Air Force.
4. About 10 km. west of Pisz, on the south side of the railroad Pisz-Ruciane (Niedanice), a new large paper plant was constructed after the war. [redacted] by train to Olsztyn (Allenstein) and noticed that a high fence (6 to 7 m.) was being erected around the object. [redacted] the fence consisted of three rows of barbed wire and had an electric alarm cable on top. This was the reason for the rumors that the plant will be converted into an important military object.
5. [redacted] various German nationals that the former Goering Headquarters at Szeroki Bor (Breitenheide-R54/A44), which had been destroyed in 1945 and was accessible for civilians after the war, had been declared restricted and was being repaired and reconstructed.
6. The UB (Security Police) station at Pisz was located on Hegel street (Polish name unknown) until recently. This is the first diagonal street to the right going from the railway station.

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7. In 1952 the construction of a new compound on an empty place near the church, opposite the National Council building was started. The compound consists of three separate, three-story, brick buildings; they were near completion in February 1954. The compound will be occupied by the UB and MO (Citizens' Militia), which until recently were located in a small house by the market square.

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